

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's allowance of claims 13-17 and withdrawal of claims 18-22 as being directed to non-elected subject matter, Applicants have cancelled claims 18-22 without prejudice, but reserve the option of pursuing these claims in a divisional application.

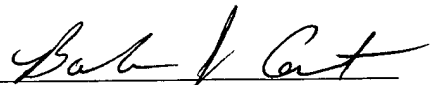
CONCLUSION

Applicants acknowledge allowance of claims 13-17 and Examiner's withdrawal of claims 18-22, and have thus cancelled claims 18-22, to be pursued in a divisional application.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required for the submission of this response. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that the Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time. If any fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972.

Respectfully submitted,

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